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THE DELAVAN IN RUINS.

ALBANT'S FAMOUS HOTEL DE STROYED BY FIRE.

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ALBANY, Dec. 30.-Only the blackened wall of the famous Delavan House now remain to mark the spot which has been the stopping place of lawmakers and politicians for years. At 8:30 to-night, in the very heat of the Speakers:30 to-night, in the very heat of the Speaker-ship contest, the house took fire, and at 1 o'clock was in ruins. A crippled young man has been in charge of the Delavan House elevator for some years. When he rushed toward a crowd of politicians in the lobby at 8:30 and yelled "Fire!" there was a frantic rush for the street. There were in the crowd Garrett V. Benson of this ity, the candidate for Sergeant-at-Arms of the embly; Berney Biglip of New York, Elwood enchester of Auburn, and Assemblyman Rob-ton of Allegany. Before they took to their els they looked toward the elevator shaft. It ras a mass of fire, and as it swept upward the ild be in flames. They gave the alarm, which ought the Fire Department. A flercer fire has been known in Albany since the burning o atre about a year ago. As far as an be learned at a late hour no one was billed

can be learned at a late hour no one was killed, although there were many hairbreadth secapes, resulting in injuries. This fire, following the Kenmore fire of Christmas night, has made people think that the hotels of Albany are doomed. Clerk Pinkney was behind the deak in charge pof the hotel, and the proprietors. Herty & Moore, were in their rooms up stairs when the clorator boy shouted "Fire!" and sounded the general alarm, which notified the compants of every room that the hotel was on fire. The clerk rushed toward the elevator and then back and up the stairs, where, with several of the Assem-blymen, he kicked open doors and assisted the guests to the windows, whence many of them ere taken down by the firemen.

The flames spread with frightfel repidity, and almost before the firemen were on the ground several of the guests could be seen at the windows acreaming for assistance. The crowd had gathered in the street around the hotel and watched the flames burst from the windows for some time before the Fire Chief ordered every engine in the city into service and called for the extension ladder, which, bowever, did not arrive. It was broken about a week ago. This is the reason so many people were compelled to jump from the burning hotel, badly injuring themselves.

When the fire started the hotel was filled with

guests, many of whom were Assemblymen, and nearly all have lost their effects. The head-quarters of Mr. Malby, No. 454, on the second floor, were filled with Assemblymen, among whom were Brownall of Brooms and Forter of Oneids. Congressman Curtis of St. Lawrence was also there, with Judge Scripture of Rome. The flames by the time the siarm got to the re had already reached the hallway which leads from Mr. Malby's headquarters to building. The result was that these in the room and to go to the rear, where they climbe ladders put up by the fremen. Above them to the top of the building, which is five stories high, could be seen guests dazed by fire and

Mr. Fish had his headquarters in parlor 57 and the room adjoining. In the room were Henry G. Burieigh of Whitehall, John E. Milholland of New York, and Philip Rook, the Asimmediately began to kick open the doors of

coms around them.
Finally Mr. Burieigh found one room in which was Mrs. Zee, an invalid of Hudson, who has been here under the care of physicians. He carried her to one of the windows and assisted her to the ground. Mr. Milholland and Mr. Keck also did much good work, but the flames b fierce that they were soon compelled to take to the street.

In the mean time the firemen had managed to get streams on the building. Here, there, and everywhere in the smoke were men and women in the second story calling for assistance, and, panic stricken, rushing blindly about. Although the ruins are still smoldering at 2 o'clock, it is not known definitely whether all of the employees had escaped.

The people who filled the streets around the hotel, which is bounded by Montgomery, Broadway, Steuban, and Columbia, shuddered as they saw two forms appear at one of tile windows on the third floor. They were a man and woman linging to each other. In an instant the form

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The man rushed back. The flames leaped from the window just above him. "My wife! my wife!" he screamed as he again appeared. The longest ladder in the possession of the department was spliced with another and the man was taken down. Just before he reached the ground his wife, for she it was who had stood by him when they were first seen, jumped from the window of another room. She had broken away from her husband, and

he could not find her again because of the smoke. Her hip was broken and she was in-F. Fooks. He is from Dayton, O., and is the agent for a cash register company, with an office on Broadway near the hotel.

D. P. Brockway of New York was on the third floor in his room when the flames burst forth. He rushed slong the hall toward the slovator haft, but the flames drove him back again to his room. His room, as were all the other

coms of the house, was furnished with a rope Throwing the rope out of the window Mr. Brock way seized it and slid downward. He reached the balcony over the first story. There the rope came to an end. Mr. Brockway hung from

ower railing of the balcony and dropped to the ground. He was not injured.
One of the saddest cases is that of the fate which befell Benjamin Heilman and wife of Brooklyn, who were on their wedding tour. Their room was on the fourth floor. They were

seen after the flames had reached their floor. They stood at the window for an instant, and then, with a scream, the man hurled himself to the ground. The next instant his wife followed

The husband struck the beloony and the fell to the ground, but the wife struck upon the into the door of the building. This broke head and cut herself so badly that it is feared the cannot live. The husband is injured internally so badly that fears for his recovery are en-They were taken to the City Ho

E. W. Arnold of Rochester was in a room on the third floor. He reached a distance of twelve feet from the ground with the assistance of a rope, and fell the remainder of the distance. His head was cut and it is feared his shull is Edward Walsh and Edward Murphy, portors,

several doors they started down again, but were blinded by the smoke and besten back by the

They rushed toward the extension, which fronts on Columbia street, and climbed down to the roof of the extension by means of the steps in the masonry. From the roof of the extension they were taken off, badly

All thoughts of politics fied from the brains of the Assemblymen when the fire alarm was sounded. They seted bravely and were of much assistance to the firemen in saving lives. Most of those who had taken rooms lost all their

It was in attempting to save his clothing that R. A. Manchester of Auburn, who was Postmaster of the last Assembly, nearly lost his life.
As has been stated, he was standing in the bby, near the elevator shaft at the time the After rushing away from the flames he ran

toward the office, and securing his key, he went up stairs to the third floor and unlocked the door, leaving it open while he groped around for his value. He could not find it. He was coning the search when clouds of blinding smoke swept into the room.

Mr. Manchester dropped upon his hands and

knees, and crawling toward the door shut it and crawled back to the window. He was cool and collected all the time. He raised himself to his feet and kicked out the window. Then he reached carefully down and took out the glass. Uncoiling the rope fire escape, he

let his 200 pounds of avoirdupois out of the dow and slid down to the ground. His hands were badly burned with the rope, and he was Assemblyman Thomas H. Rockwell of Brook

lyn was said to be missing about half an hour after the fire was well under way, and Mr. Fish, who with his followers, most of them Assembly men, had adjourned to the Kenmore, started out to look him up.

He had been stopping at the Delavan with his wife and nices, but before the fire had gone to the Kenmore and engaged rooms. He then rebaggage. His wife became frightened at his failure to return immediately, and the report spread that he was in the burning building.

dened with his grips, the seems in the lobby be-tween the reunited husband and wife was very affecting. She clung around his neck and kissed him, while all his colleagues gathered round and extended their congratulations. "Well, I got the grip," said Mr. Rockwell,

and I'm pretty much alive."
"Yes," said Assemblyman Friday of Kings to

"Yes," said Assemblyman Friday of Kings to True Sun man, "I am a victim of the flames. I am out a nice dress suit and some other clothing by reason of the fire.

"I was in the lobby near the elevator shaft, talking to some friends, when the flames burst out. I was going to my room, but I saw that I could not reach it in time. I then rushed out."

"I haven't a bit of clothing left," said Mr. Wray of Kings, "I will have to depend upon my friends for a change of underwear to-morrow morning."

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Ex-Congressman Burleigh, who did such noble work on the third and fourth floors awakening a sick woman, said: "It was just fifteen rears ago to-morrow that the Delavan was affre. I remember well, for I was a guest at the hotel at the time. The building was not badly burned, but I can remember well the encitement it caused."

Mr. Fish said: "Well, I have lost some good cigars and other things. I have established headquarters over in the Turkish bath house and will remain there until after the Speakership fight is over."

Mr. Malby thought he had never had such a het time before. He was trying to secure quarters at the Kenmore, but that hotel, by reason of the fire of a week ago, is twenty-five rooms

abort.

The desiruction of the Delayan House has temporarily but completely dwarfed the interest in matters political, of which that house was a centre at the moment when the fire was discovered. An awful uncertainty as to the extent of the catastrophe took the place of speculations concerning the ordinary affairs of life, even though they were mattere in which the hopes and aspirations of the year or of years were dependent.

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The confusion and uncertainty in relation to the directly possibilities of loss of human life was so great that every other question became trivial and unimportant. Many members of the Legislature had arrived during the day, and a legislature had arrived during the day of them sought quarters at the

trivial and unimportant. Many members of the Legislature had arrived during the day, and a great proportion of them sought quarters at the famous old hotel, where the candidates for Speaker had their headquarters for the canvas. Their arrival was anxiously awaited and they were sagerly questioned as to their position on political matters. But these questions were soon to be forgotten. Instead of asking how the newcomers were to vote, the inquiry was made, with an intensity of anxiety that almost stilled the breath and atopped the pulse of the questioner, "Have they escaped death."

The danger was so imminent and the hair-breadth escapes so numerous, that the doubt as to the fate of any one unaccounted for was sickening. The crowd and confusion rendered it impossible for a long time to trace those who were safe, but at midnight it was confidently believed that none of the members or the prominent men who were known to be in the hotel was lost, although it was almost cortain that some of the inmates must have failed to escape.

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The story of A. C. Dart, a young artist, proves this, though not many of the guests had retired, as he did, at so carly an hour. His room was on the third floor, and he was aroused by the unusual noise in the hallway. No alarm had reached him, and when he opened his door, to find the hallway full of smoke, that was the first knowledge of the nature of the trouble.

The smoke was thick and black, and in the few moments that it took him to dress it became suffocating. He fell to the floor after taking a few steps in the hall, and was thus prevented from becoming completely unconscious by the clearer air at the bottom.

He cropt blindly along and happened upon a stairway, down which he rolled, not knowing where it led to. The lower floor was so much more clear of smoke that he was able to get up and make his way to the street. He says that it is absolutely impossible that any one got out of that part of the house alive after his escape, if there was any one left there.

John E. Milholland, Henry Burleigh, and several others had time, in making their own escape from Mr. Burleigh's room on the third floor, to roll up a sick woman in her bedclothes and carry her to a place of safety.

As so many men were taken down ladders from upper windows and as quite a number successfully used the rope fire escapes, there is some hope that more will be found to have been saved than the first indications seemed to show.

The Delawan House has been a theatre of politics for nearly haif a century. There is not a politician in the State and few statesmen in the Union who have not been its guests.

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The hotel cost \$250,000 to build and was to-day worth \$300,000. The furnishings were worth easily \$100,000. Full insurance is carried on building and stock.

The following is a complete list of those injured:

jured:
HESEN F. FOOLE. Rochester: injured internally and face and hands burned: may dis.
Hes. H. F. FOOLE. face lacerated and hip broken. mericusty injured:
Mrs. Heselatin red; may dis.
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Heselatin F. Hestlatin Hooklyn, face cut and limit face in the lacerate in F. Hestlatin Hooklyn, ankle fractured. Howans Walsh. face laddy burned.
E. M. Schindres of Auburn, bands and arms badly burned.

E. W. Announ of Rochester, bruised by his jump From a wildow.

D. P. Reockwar of New York, right arm badly cut and both arms burned.

JAMES HEAVERSON. Scenar of Scenar So. 4, struck on the head by a brick when one of the walls fell about melalagit. The hostelry will without doubt be rebuilt. The property is owned by Albion Hansom and the estate of J. Savage Delavan.

Steigh Spill-out to Contral Park. aleigh, in which G. Strom of 184 East Fiftisth street and a friend were driving behind a on tirest and a friend were driving behind a carried house, was overturned in front of the asino to Central Park yesterdey afternoon, not the occurants were thrown our. The horse cleared then from the aleigh, which has weeked, and can down the East Drive to inty-food about, where it was caught by contact Policeman May Leakey and taken to

MR. BYRNES'S SENSATION.

POLITICIANS PRAISE IT AS A VERY CLEVER STROKE.

New Everybady Wants to Know Whether He Will Be Retained or Not to Reorganine the Department-Bon Bradley Hopes So, but Docan't Know-Col. Strong and the Police Commissioners Have Nothing to Say-Byrnes and Commodore Vanderbilt.

The politicians have nothing but admiration for the cleverness of Superintendent Byrnes in sesuming the attitude which he has with reference to the Lexow committee investigation and the reorganization of the police force. They say that by placing his request for retirement in the hands of Mayor-elect Strong, to be for-warded to the Police Board or not, as Mr. Strong pleases, and in denouncing the administration of affairs by the Police Commission as at present constituted, the Superintendent played a

Of course all the politicians foresee some kind of a reorganization of the department on Re-publican lines, though it is uncertain yet how much of a part in the reorganization the Legis-lature will give to the next Mayor to play. Meanwhile the Superintendent has not re-signed, or offered to resign. A resignation would involve surrendering his pension. He has disassociated himself, or has sought to do so, from the present administration of the de-partment, and has offered his services in case of its reorganization. Should his request to be retired be forwarded to the present Police Board or to its successors they need not grant it, for he is not 60 years old yet. Of course he could resign at any time if he chose.

The Superintendent spent several hours at Police Headquarters yesterday packing up his private papers. He was assisted by his secre-tary, Sergeant Mangin, and the work was done behind lowered curtains, the Superintendent's office bearing the usual Sunday appearance of being vacant. Capt. Allaire, who was in charge at Headquarters, said that Mr. Byrnes did not appear to be engaged in a joyous undertaking and that attempts to draw him into conversa tion as to the effects of the new State Constitution on the Police Department met the response

that all that was in the future. Mr. Byrnes has been chafing under the restraint put upon him because of the power the oners exercise over the uniformed force in the matter of assignments and detail, and they know that he was especially interested in the attempted legislation of the last see relative to the Police Department, and that his interest centred chiefly in the efforts to provide for a single Commissioner of Police and to en-large the power of the Superintendent.

Superintendent Byrnes has declared himself opposed to a bi-partisan Commission, at least to the present one—but everything points to the probability that the Republican majority on the Lexow committee, the Republican majority in the Legislature, and the Republican party in the State will demand that any legislation looking to a reorganization of the force shall retain the bi-partisan Commission. Mr. Thomas C. Platt has announced in most positive terms that such a thing as a single-headed Police Commission will not be tolerated, and that any bill for the reorganization of the force must preserve the bi-partisan head of the department

The only thing, then, it is said, that Superin The only thing, then, it is said, that Superintendent Byrnes, if he is not to retire, can hope for in the bill to be introduced by the Lexow committee, is a provision making the Superintendent the real chief of the department in matters portaining to the management and discipline of the uniformed force, the Commissioners to retain thier supervision of elections and to look after the finances and supplies. It is understood that the Republicans do not care to permit one man to exercise absolute power over the force on election day.

Col. Strong said yesterday that he had received Superintendent Byrnes's letter, a copy of which the Superintendent gave to the Lexow committee when he was on the witness stand Saturday evening. But the Mayor elect declined to say anything more regarding the matter. "It is rather a delicate subject," said he "and I do not know that I care to say anything about it

ot know that I care to say anything about it Just at present."

Col. Strong said further in response to questions that he did not wish now to comment or

say whether under any circumstances he should avail himself of the proffered services of Mr. Byrnes for that purpose. Neither would he talk on the work of the Lexow committee. "I have no criticism to make," he said, "nor any views to express regarding it now."

Senator Daniel Bradiev, who can hardly be said to speak for the majority of the Lexow committee, since he is nominally a Democratio member, said yesterday:

"Superintendent Byrnes made a very favorable impression on me, and if the Police Department of New York is to be reorganized I don't hink a more competent man than Byrnes could be found to do it. He cave his testimony ha clear straightforward manner, and without reservation. I am in favor of a single-headed department, the power to be vested in the Superintendent. I think there should be a non-partisan Board of Election Commissioners, to consist of four men, and to be entirely separate from the Police Department. 1 certainly would not allow Williams and McLaughlin to remain on the force, or any other man against whom charges of corruption were made before the committee."

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Senator Bradley wants a committee to investigate Brooklyn's affairs.

"In many departments," he said, "Brooklyn is worse than New York has been since the days of the Tweed ring." He referred to the Street Cleaning and Street Paving Department. He said he had some damaging facts against the Police Department of his own city, but he was not yet ready to make them public.

Gen Samuel Thomas, one of the Republican Committee of Thirty, said yesterday of Superintendent Hyrnes's action:

"I didn't think him quite capable of it, but he has done a very clever thing. He has done more to show clearly to the people the usclessness of the present organization of the Police Department than all the other witnesses before the Lexow Committee. He has shown that the present bi-partisan Commission serves no good purpose, and is only a leech on the public purse for political purposes. It ought to go and it will go. So will every man, no matter who or what his politics, who insists on a continuation of this bi-partisan, political administration of the police force. Such a man will get too much hipartisanism. He will find that there is a mighty big body of bi-partisan electors in this town who will rise up and crush him out of political existence. The interests of this great city and its 2,006,000 citizens are too great to be made the plaything of politics.

"His was said in the presence of President William Brookfield of the Republican Committee, who sat beside the General on a sofa at the Republican Club. Mr. Brookfield, after Gen. Thomas had concluded, said:

"You don't want any interview with me after that. But I think with Gen. Thomas that Mr. Byrnes has done a very clever thing."

"Hyrnes is all right," declared ex-Register of the Treasury L. E. Chittenden.

Chalrman Joseph Larocque of the Committee of Seventy was seen at the Metroplitan Club, and said:
"Of course, an experienced man m

and hayoneta."

Folica Commissioners Martin and Sheehan
would not be seen yesterday, and the Republi-can members of the Board said that they had

can members of the Board said that they had nothing to say.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew had not read the reports of Superintendent Byrnes's testimony before the Lexow committee when a reporter from The Sux called upon him yesterday to ask him about the investment Commodore Vanderblit made for Superintendent Byrnes in acknowledgement, apparently, of the Superintendent's services in securing a settlement of the case of Policeman Henderson, who was snot by Mr. Crawford, a brother of the Commodore's second wife. Dr. Depew recollected the shooting incident.

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"There was a good deal of comment on it at the time." he said. "As I remember it now, there was a row, I think it was at night, at Commodore Vanderbili's stable. Mr. Vanderbili lived in Washington place, and his property ran thrugh to Fourth excet, where his stable was. I believe an assault was made by a lot of roughs on Mr. Vanderbili's condiman with an intent to commit robbsery. A row was raised, and the noise reached the bester. Mr. Vanderbili had married a second time some few years before that, and the brother of his second wife was in the house when word of the row was brought in. Mr. Crawford was a very nice young man. Fur was a Southerser, and when he heard of the

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into the lot. The bullet hit a policeman, and of course there was trouble for Mr. Crawford after the roughs were dispersed.

Mr. Vanderbilt was of course very anxious that there should be no prosecution. He was an old man, and he felt that what had been, done was done for him. He did not want the officer who was shot to press a complaint, and he did not want any one to do so. The officer did not, and there was no prosecution. I think Mr. Vanderbilt was gratified, and as it was his habit to show his pleasure in just the way Mr. Byrnes outlines, I have no doubt he did so in this case, although I do not know any hing about that. He never told me he did so. He never told anyone when he did that sort of thing, but I happen to know that he did so in a number of cases, my knowledge having come to me in the relation of counsel. I have known Mr. Vanderbilt to take a thousand dollars from a man and return him ten thousand for it matty a time. It was his way often times when he felt under obligations to any one. He liked to do good turns, but he was not a man to give away money, and he took that way of showing his appreciation of what he regarded as favors. He was the most successful operator Wall street ever knew. He used to say that Wall street ever knew. He used to say that Wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to say that wall street ever knew. He used to have the did not tell any one when he did a thing like that except whoever was intimately connected with the transaction. But I recall the Crawford incident and have no doubt of the accuracy of Mr. Hyrnes's story of his transaction with Mr. Vanderbilt. I should believe it.

Dr. Depew said that the "little old man" described, but not named, by Superintendent shoes was to keep his

tect him."

Capt. Schmittberger's leave expires this morning, and he will report for duty as usual, merely going to his station and taking command. He has not heard anything from the Police Board, and he understands that he is under the protection of the Lexow committee.

PREE PASSES FOR POLICEMEN.

A Brooklyn Authority Thinks the New Constitution Desar't Prohibit Them. Former United States District Attorney Jesse ohnson of Brooklyn, who was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, is of the opinion that t was not the intention of that body to include clicemen in the roll of "public offices" to be excluded from receiving passes on the railroads.

He says: "No reference, as far as I can remember, was made to either policemen or firemen in the de liberations over the matter. When a police man is performing public duty any transporta formance of his duty is not given to him, but is given to the city as the legal representative of he police jurisdiction of the State of New York. believe policemen should be entirely relieved force and effect of the prohibitor

NEW CLAUSE IN FREE PASSES. On the Central the Holder Must Affirm that

President Depew of the New York Central Railroad said yesterday:
"As a consequence of the constitutional amendment relating to free passes our passes given to people of whom we know very little will read in future to the effect that the holder man might be a notary public, which is a public office, and we might not know it. When cepts a pass upon which he certifies that he is not a public officer there will be no liability on

President Sam Sloan of the Delaware, Lackswanna and Western Railroad said:
"There will be absolutely no difference in our

passes. We have never given them and never will give them to persons where a penalty would In regard to the edict that has gone forth con-

cerning preventing policemen from riding free

In regard to the edict that has gone for'h concerning preventing policemen from riding free on the city railroad lines Inspector Williams and yesterday:

"When the rule goes into effect it will cost a pretty penny for the policemen. Of course their fares both for personal and official duty will have to come out of their own pockets. I do not think it quite fair that a policeman acting under orders from his superior officers should be expected to pay his railroad fare, and this he will surely have to do unless the Commissioners pass a regulation to refund such expenses. For policemen doing duty at such remote stations as kingsbridge and High Bridge, the expense of going to Headquarters and back is 40 cents. This will be a dead loss to the policemen. Frequently a peliceman from a distant station is ordered to report at Headquarters and unless he walks he will have to godown into his own pocket for the money. I have a district extending from the Battery to 116th street and embracing sixteen east side station houses which I have to yisit. I will have to pay my farea, too. In 1866 I was a patroliman in Brooklyn under the Metropolitan Police act, and in those days it was the regulation that at the end of every month the Captain of a station house went over the blotter and counted up the arrests credited to each man, and for each arrest the policeman received 10 cents. This was to relimbures him for the fares he expended in taking his prisoners to court. Of course, the man could walk if he wished and thus save the 10 cents. I do not know what ruiling the Commissioners will frame, but I do not think it quite fair to make a policeman pay when he is on official duty."

NO READING REORGANIZATION.

The Plan Which It Was Thought Would Be Successful Said to Have Failed. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.-The Reading reorganization plan is said to be a failure. Lately the security holders of the company had assented to the plan to assure its success, but the fact that it is a failure is made from the authority of a man who is in a position to know what

he is talking about. This plan has failed through the non-assent of sufficient number of the junior bondholders and stockholders. The committee will hold a meeting to-morrow in New York, and probably hen the formal announcement of the failure of

the plan will be made. To-morrow the time for assenting to the plan expires, and when the committee discovered that not enough of the junior security holders had assented to reorganization, they were conhad assented to reorganization, they were con-fronted by a position in which one of three courses was open to them.

They could extend the time for assenting to the plan and levy a ponalty upon the non-as-senting security holders; or foreclose, and then formulate a new plan.

It has been decided that the time shall not be extended for assenting to the plan and that foreclosure proceedings will be instituted at once, and then while these proceedings are pending a new reorganization plan will be formed.

formed.
The idea of the committee at present is said to be in retain the general mortgage features of the present plan, and it is the desire of the committee that all the junior security holders who have subscribed to the present plan shall be dealt with as leniently as possible under the new One.

It is said that under the new planthe junior accurity holders will be assessed much heavier than under the present plan.

JOKER FITZ'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Escapes from the Essex County Peniten-tiary with His Prison Clothes Ou. Joseph Firzsimmons, better known as "Joker Fitz." a prisoner in the Essez county penitentiary at Caldwell, escaped last evening. He was employed as a waiter in the kitchen and had more liberty than other prisoners. During one of his trips from the prison to the boiler room outside he dashed off. He was not missed at When his absence became known Warden furray and several keepers started out to ex-toru the woods near by, but they did not find GREAT STORMS IN EUROPE. MANY WRECKS ALONG THE COAST

Twenty-six Persons Perish on the Bark Osseo-Trains Blocked by Snow in Scotland-A Part of Hamburg Under Water. LONDON, Dec. 30.-Reports of stormy weather ontinue to be received from all parts of Europe. Numerous small wrecks and casualties are reorted in Great Britain and Ireland. Many

lives were saved by lifeboats. The British bark Osseo was wrecked in a gale at Holyhead early this morning, and with her erished her entire crew of twenty-six men. The Osseo was driven ashore back of the Hoybead breakwater. Her signals of distress were first heard by the coast guard about 4 o'clock in the morning. At that time it was pitch dark and great waves were washing over the breakwater. In spite of the danger of being washed into the sea the guard proceeded along the breakwater, and, having rigged up the rocket apparatus, began firing life lines in the direc-tion of the wreck. The faint light of the rockets soon disclosed the fact that the vessel had broken in two amidships and that the mainmast had fallen, crushing the lives out of sev-

eral of the crew. A few survivors could be seen clinging to each half of the vessel, and their piteous cries for help could be heard above the roar of the storm After many fallures the coast guard succeede n firing a line over the wreck, but by that time all on board had perished. A lifeboat vainly ried again and again to approach the wreck Not a vestige of the bark could be seen to-day. and there is no prospect of any salvage. Sev

eral bodies have been washed ashore. The Osseo was a bark of 1,399 tons. arrived at Falmouth on Dec. 15 from Taltal, and had been ordered to Androssan. Boats and wreckage washed ashore on the coast of Lancashire indicate that the British

bark Loweswater has been lost. She left Garston in tow on Dec. 21 with fifteen persons board. The hawser with which she was being lowed parted in a gale, and the tug took refuge at Llandudno on Dec. 22, since which time nothing has been heard of her. A severe gale is blowing on the Baltio, and

navigation is suspended at Copenhagen.

A heavy snow has fallen in the north of Scotland, and two railway trains have been blocked on the tracks.

At Hamburg the lower parts of the city are inundated, as they were a week ago.

The gale of the last two days did enormou lamage on the coasts of North France, Belgium. and Germany. Seven large sailing vessels were towed into Bremerhaven in a badly battered condition. Several coasters stranded and some of the seamen aboard were lost. The Ostend-Dover steam packet service was suspended yeserday and to-day.

THE NINE UNHAPPY BACHELORS. Letters Received by Them from Maids and Widows All Over the Country.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 30 .- An article printed week or more ago in THE SUN described the discharge of nine single young men from the hat factory of Ellor Bros, & Hall at Watessing in order to lessen the force. All the married men were retained. The nine single young men paraded the streets of Watsessing displaying mottoes which deployed their misfortune in being wifeless. The story appears to have been copied by the press throughout the country, for every mail brings to the young men letters purporting to be from maids and widows in the South, West, North, and East. Four of the bachelors have received etters from four girls in Findlay, O., written or a note head of the American Mask Manufacturing Company. It is dated Dec. 12, and asks the young men to correspond with them and send a

description of themselves.

Another letter from Woonsocket, R. I., is Another rester from woonsocket, R. L. is from a miss of twenty summere. She eays she is sorry for the sad plight of the young men in not being able to get wives in Watsessing, and is of opinion that she could help one out of the dilemma. She holds out flattering financial inducements for the recipient of her letter to come and make her his wife and closes by asking for a quick reply. Each of the nine young men has received a blank from the Prudential Adartmonial Bureau of Omaha, Neb., and a request that he fill it out and return to the Bureau with a fee of \$2. An accompanying circular explains at length "How to Get Married Soon."

One of the young men has received a letter from a girl in Omaha, who says she is 19 years old, a blonde, weighs 130 pounds, and is in good financial circumstances. She desires a photograph of the nine young men in a group from which to make a selection. In other letters joint interests in farms are offered as a bonus by widows. Letters purporting to come from young unmarried girls at Monticello, Wayne county, Ky., South Bend, Ind., Tucson Ari., Scranton, Pa., Moorhead, Minn., Portland, Me., and Erie, Pa., have been received by the Watsessing bachelors. The largest number of communications have come from the West.

Deputy Collector Welsh Was Drowned Re cently and New There Is Talk of Hu LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—A shortage smounting to between \$15,000 and \$20,000 has been found in the office of the City Collector of this city. It extends through the terms of office of J. Hill Davidson, at present Kentucky's representative for the American Horse Exhange, and that of ex-State Treasurer Steven G. Sharp, the present Collector. The misappro-priations were found by the aid of two expert priations were found by the aid of two expert bookkeepers who have been delving into the dark mysteries of municipal Government during the past two months. The handwriting in the shortage accounts was done by Deputy Collector William P. Weish, who recently was drowned in the city reservoir. Young Weish's life was insured for a large sum at the time of his death and many believed he had committed suicide. He held an accident policy by which his wife got \$25,000 in cash and \$25 a month during her lifetime. Many wondered at the large amount of insurance carried by Welsh, and the discoveries just made lead to stronger suspicions of self-destruction.

The details of the defalcations are not to be made public until Thursday night, but the matter has leaked out, and ex-Collector Davidson has been notified that his bondsmen would be expected to make good the shortage. He in turn has notified the bondsmen of Welsh that the amount of his bond, \$5,000, will fall upon them. Mr. Davidson's friends do not believe him guilty of any of the misappropriations. He is in Cinnait to-day, and could not be seen. The expert accountants will say nothing regarding the period over which the defalcation extends. ookkeepers who have been delving into the

DEATH OF MRS. BLOOMER, The Lady After Whom "Rational Breas

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 30.-Mrs. Amelia

Janks Bloomer, who introduced the Bloomer costume, died at her home here at noon to-day. Death came from old age. She had been ili only two days. She was in very many respects a most remarkable woman. She was born in Homer. N. Y., in 1818. She was married in Waterloo. N. Y., in 1840 to Dexter C. Bloomer, at that time a young lawyer. They resided at Heneca the enfranchisement of woman, and secured a great following from the outset. She began on Jan 1, 1849, the publication of the Life, a remimonthly publication, devoted to the advocacy of the cause of woman and of temperance. This paper had a circulation of 4,000. In 1803 Mrs. Bloomer removed to Mount Vernon, O., and continued the Life, and also became associate editor of the Western Hone Journal. In 1863 she and her nucleand removed to Council Bluffs, where they have since lived.

The remo, at caused the dissontinuance of her connection with the Life, and she sold it to Mary B. Birdsall. She became a lecturer on woman suffrage and temperance and adopted and publicly advocated the adoption of the Rational Brees for Woman." first worm by Elizabeth Smith Miller. The coottine was named after Mrs. Bloomer because of her greater regulation, although she hever claimed to have originated it. She organized the lows Mate. the enfranchisement of woman, and secured Fire visualizations were his prison uniform, and it to knought be cannot so long undetected.
He was someticed to vighteen months' im-prisonments for linearly voting about a year ago, and he he had a good swood as a principal he

THE DEADLY TROLLEY AGAIN. A Man Crushed to Beath on the Third Ave

There was another trolley slaughter in Brooklyn last night. It occurred shortly before 9 o'clock on the Third avenue line of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad in Third avenue and Ninetyseventh street, near the Fort Hamilton termi nus, While car 921, in charge of Motorman McLennon and Conductor Morris Tursell, was on its way to the city at high speed, it struck and ran over an unknown man.

The speed was so high that the body was car-

ried along twenty or thirty yards before the car could be stopped. It was found that the body had been terribly mangled and was firmly wedged between the forward wheels and the notor box. More than half an hour elapsed before it could be extricated, it being necessary to lift the forward part of the heavy car from the track.

The man was about 25 years old and 5 feet 8 inches tall. This is the only description which the police forwarded to Headquarters. Persons living in the neighborhood could not identify the body, and it was taken to the police station in the old Town Hall in Fourth avenue and Eighty-sixth street. The motorman and conductor were arrested.

This makes the thirty-fourth fatal trolley accident during the year, and the ninety-sec since the trolley cars began operation in July.

STRUCK DOWN BY THE GRIPMAN. Mrs. Herrens Assaulted in Trying to Board a Columbus Avenue Cable Car.

Mrs. Richard Herrens, 45 years old, of 824 Columbus avenue, tried to board a cable car at Eightieth street last night. She says that, as the car approached, she stepped forward to signal for it to stop. The gripman stooped over. as she attempted to stop the car, and gave her dolent push, knocking her to the ground. In falling she struck her head against a pile of

snow and ice, and sustained a severe scal wound over the left eye. She was also badly shaken up.

An ambulance was summoned from Roosevelt Hospital and her injuries were dressed by Dr. Comstock. She then left for her home. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs O'Rourks, who said that prior to the accident they had attempted to stop two other cars.

SAVED BY THE PENDER. Haverdale Dragged Many Yards by a Third

Avenue Cable Car. Edward Haverdale, 30 years old, while crossing Third avenue at Twentieth street at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, ran out of the way of an up-town cable car only to be run down by cable car 143, which was going at a good pace along the down-town track.

Before William Covell, the gripman, had time o put on the brake the car had struck Haverdale and knocked him down. The fendersaved him from being crushed beneath the wheels, but he was carried along for ten or twelve yards, and when he was picked up he was found to have sustained severe cuts and bruise Haverdale was taken to Bellevue Hospital

and the gripman was arrested. He was subse-quently paroled in the Yorkville Police Court in the custody of the car company's counsel.

QUEER MIX IN A MURDER CASE. Hall, Who Stood in One State and Killed a

RALBIGH, N. C., Dec. 30,-Deputy Sheriff Hall. tanding just inside the State line, recently fired at and killed Andrew Brison, a prisoner who was escaping into Tennesses. Hall was tried and convicted of murder in this State. On appeal this was reversed, on the ground that "in contemplation of law" Hall was in Tennessee when the killing was done. He was then ar-

rested and held as a fugitive from justice.

The Governor of Tennessee seat for Hall on requisition. Hall applied for discharge, but the Judge below refused to discharge him. He then a majority of one, decides he must be disat the time of the killing, he cannot be a fugidissent on the ground that if, in contemplation of the law, Hall was in Tennessee at the time of the killing, he cannot be wied in North Carolina, and that in the same contemplation of law he must be a fugitive from justice, for he is now in North Carolina.

Remarkable Circumstances Under Which Auderson Gray Is to Suffer Death, WELLINGTON, Kan., Dec. 30,-Anderson Gray was sentenced to death vesterday by Judge Burnett, according to the verdict of the jury fin him guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Thomas Patton. Thomas McDonald, while under the alleged hypnotic influence of Gray, did the killing, but was discharged after trial. Gray is a well-to-do farmer. Patton had ncurred his enmity, and Gray is said to have hypnotized McDonald a farm hand, and while the latter was in that condition compelled him

ACTOR KEENE'S MISFORTUNE. He Loses His Voice and Cannot Speak Above a Whisper.

o commit the murder.

to small houses.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 30.-Thomas W. Keene, the tragedian, was unable to fill a two nights' engagement in this city owing to the fact that he has lost his voice. When he arrived here he could not speak above a whisper. The tragedian attributed his misfortune to overwork and a severe cold. He is a sick man. He hopes to be able to appear in Scattle next week, but is extremely doubtful whether he can do so. His company filled their engagement here, playing

DRIVER KNOCKED FROM HIS SEAT. A Broadway Cable Car Collides with a Mail Wagon.

Charles Smith, 60 years old, driver of a mail ragon, started up town from Station A. at Houston and Crosby streets, at 10 o'clock last night. After driving along the up track of the cable road he turned out at Bleecker street in cable read he turned out at Bleecker street in front of cable car 94. The car, which was bound down town, collided with the rear wheel of the mail wagon. Smith was thrown from his seat and fell on his head in a snow bank. He was unconscious for a few moments, but was soon revived by an ambulance surgeon from St. Vincent's Hisspital. Although not very much injured, he was taken to the hospital and the grimman was locked up in the Mercer street station. The PostOffice authorities were notified and a treah driver took charge of the wagon.

A Chinaman Mange Mimself in Juli. WATERTOWN, N. V., Dec. 30.-Lee Ling, a hinaman, aged 18, who had been a prisoner in he county jail here since Nov. 19, on a charge of assault, committed suicide in his cell this af-ternson by hanging himself with a rope formed of twisted cotton. On Nov. 19 Ling entered the laundry, of which his cousin, Charles Jim, is wanted to go back to Chiua. Jim refused to give him the money, and Ling, armed with a ong knife, thereupon rushed upon Jim, cutting

Neighbors interfered and Ling was arrested. He had been in this country only two years. He was employed in one of the Chinese laundries here. A finit Along Newfoundland. By. Jonn's, Dec. 30.- A furious gale raged here nearly all of last night, and the seas were here nearly all of the mail steamers were detained at this blace for twenty-four hours. It is the general coinion among those who are engaged in the alleping trade that the storm has wrought seemed in the situation of the storm has wrought to be a seemed to be

his arm and inflicting other slight injuris

PRICE TWO CENTS. LI HUNG CHANG OUSTED.

NOTHER VICEROY TAKES COM-

MAND OF CHINA'S ARMY. The Last of the Series of Degradations Imposed Upon the Old Chinese Statesman-Japan's Dear Bought Victory in Man-

churta-Chinese Troops Fought Well. LONDON, Dec. 30 .- A Central News despatch from Pekin says that Liu Kun Yi, Vicercy of Liang Kiang, has been appointed to the chief command of all the Chinese forces, ousting Li

Hung Chang. Liu-Kun-Yi has saked to be relieved of his new office, but his request has been refused. He is believed to be incompetent.

The Central News correspondent at Antong telegraphs: "Details from Kung Wa Sai, Manchuria, confirm the first reports that the recent battle was fought with great obstinacy. The Chinese ware strongly entrenched. They had aleven field pieces and some machine guns and ware well handled. The January well handled. were well handled. The Japanese charges were repulsed with heavy loss. Their reserves from Haltcheng, which had experienced great diffi-culty on the march owing to the anow, then joined them, and they made another charge, with hurrahs and shouts of victory.

"This time they carried everything. The Japanese admis that they had 450 killed and wounded, and say that the Chinese had 800 killed and wounded. The snow prevented a successful pursuit of the retreating Chiness. The villagers of Justining drove away the Chinese soldiers who sought refuge there. They said they preferred to be governed by the Japanese, who had captured the village pre-

viously. A despatch to the Central News from Tokie says: "Gen. Nodzu, who commands the Japan-ese army in Manchuria, reports that the natives have been greatly influenced by the elemency of the Japanese, and that many residents who had fled from their homes are returning, with es, and are willingly assisting the invaders. Markets have been opened, Japanese currency circulates freely, and the Japanese Administration is working well."

ANOTHER BANK ROBBED.

A Bookkeeper in the Hudson River Na-tional Steals About \$14,000.

Hunson, Dec. 30.—William F. Rossman, Jr., bookkeeper in the Hudson River National Bank of this city was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff Charles S. Harvey on a warrant sworn out by the bank officers, charging him with grand larceny in the first degree. An examination of the books kept by Rossman showed a shortage of about \$14,000. The money making up this amount was taken from time to time. and, it is alleged, was expended in stock speculations and fast living. Rossman has admitted the theft, and has been looked up to awais an examination, which has been set down for Monday. The prisoner has been employed as a book-keeper in the bank for several years, and was not suspected until recently, when his accounts were found grooked.

FIRE IN SING SING PRISON.

The Laundry and Storehouse Destroyed-Prisoners Behave Well.

Bing Sing, N. Y., Dec 30.—A fire, doing \$2,500 damage, was discovered at 1:30 o'clock this morning in Sing Sing pison. It destroyed the laundry and storehouse There was no insurance, as no prison property is protected against loss by fire. Whistles were blown in the prison, and the Sing Sing Grecompanies quickly so, and the Sing Sing fire companies quickly responded. The fire burned until 3 c'clock. The burned building was in the northeast corner of the prison yard. The west half of it was used as a storage for food. The northeast side was used as a laundry and wash house, and on the

second floor was a carpenter shop. Of this nothing but the stone wall remains standing. A stone partition saved the tobacco house. yard and storehouse keepers a committee to in restigate and report upon the origin of the fire, which as yet is a mystery. No lights or fires were left in the building when the prison was locked up last night. The convicts, it is reported, behaved well. Those on one side of the orison had a view of the fire and seemed to en-

It is said to-night that Prisoner John Y. Mo-Kane is not sorry for the destruction of the building, as he will probably have charge of the reconstruction, and he likes to be employed at

joy the sight. It is asserted that they betrayed

PLAMES IN WILLIAMSBURGH. They Had a Good Start and Gave the Fire

men a Hard Fight. Fire was discovered shortly before 1 o'clock resterday morning in a loft of Henry Borgfeldt's photograph gallery at 852 Broadway, Williams-burgh. The building is a three-story brick, the ground floor being occupied as a dry goods store by Garrott & Deaver, the second floor as a real estate office by Leopold Michel, while Borgfelds had his photograph gallery with a loft attached on the third floor. On account of delay in sending an alarm of fire from a box in the neighborhood the firemen were late in coming. On their arrival the fire had burst through the reof, the flames leaping high into the air. The fire

hydrants were frozen, and it was necessary to thaw them out before water could be had. When the first line of hose was carried inte the building and the water turned on the hose burst and another delay ensued. Assistant Chief Engineer John Perry sent out a second alarm, which brought three additional engines and a hook and ladder company. The fiames were spreading to a row of frame houses on the east side of the burning building when the first stream of water was directed on the fire, but fitteen minutes later they were under control. Borgfeld puts his lows at \$1,000. Minhal at \$500, and Garrott & Deaver at \$1,000. The house owned by Andrew Martin of 113 Moon the fire is not known, but is believed a have been due to apontaneous combustion in the room

KINGSTON, Dec. 30 .- The three-story brick building in Rondout occupied by the dry goods firm of Sturgeon & Leele was destroyed and the large four-story brick building owned and ocwas bally damaged by fire shortly after 19 o'clock last night. The fire started in Sturgeon & Lecle's store, and had gained good headway when discovered. This building is on the Strand when discovered. This building is on the Strand and runs through the block to Ferry street. It is owned by John L. Hasbrouck of 75. Hadson street. New York. Wulle the firs in this building was borning flercely the Ferry street wall toltered and fell, nearly burying several fireness. The total loss amounts to about \$45.00. Surgeon & Leela loss \$17.000: insurance. \$15.000. John L. Hasbrouck's loss is \$13.000; Insurance, \$7.500. A. McMillan & Co. loss on building and stock about \$10,000, covered by insurance.

Biddeford's Serious Loss by Pire.

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30.-A fire which started in the toilet room of the city building early this morning completely gutted the buildearly this morning completely gutted the building down to the first story. The building contained two banks, the police station, four stores, a law office, court roots, city council chamber, municipal offices, city library, open house, and Masonic ball. It was with difficulty that four prisoners were rescued from the cells of the police station. The total loss is estimated at \$100.000. Many of the municipal court documents were lost. The lost office was completely burned out and some mail was destroyed.

Fun-ten Players Arrested.

The police of the Elizabeth street station swooped down on a Chinese fan-tas game in room on the second floor of 22 Fell street last night and arrested fifteen Chinamen, Sem Line the proprietor, was among those cought.